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ALLIES AWAIT U. S. **DETERMINATION ON** FREEDOM OF SEAS

Armored Vessels Finds Favor.

PRESIDENT DISCUSSES PLANS WITH DELEGATES

Preliminary Peace Conference at Versailles Postponed Until Early in February.

Ex the Associated Press.

PARIS. December 21. - President Wilson and the American delegates had a day of few interruptions before them in which to study in a preliminary way various plans which have been proposed for carrying out details of Mr. Wilson's program.

Apparently the other powers are looking to the United States to bring forth a concrete proposition concernplans having this question in view. purpose would be to protect merchant shipping, finds favor. Advocates of this plan say there would be no fur-tiner use for heavily armed ships if all nations were placed on an equal foot-by th

answer to the British plea that she requires a great navy to defend her colonies, advocates of the plan of limiting construction say that, with no strong enemy of the sea, England would not require a great fleet, as she could protect her distant possessions by troops transported on armed trans-

Delay in formulating plans for the procedure of the peace conference is causing uneasiness among American and other foreign correspondents, who are eagerly awaiting definite announcements as to whether open sessions will be held and whether the censorship will be relaxed as to news of non-military character.

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American correspondents to make a trip through the battle zone during the Christmas holidays. Chaumont and Tours will be among the points

Romanones Sees President.

Count Romanones, the Spanish premier, was in conference for half an hour with President Wilson last evening. It is reported that the premier invited the President to visit Spain, but no official announcement as to Mr. Wilson's reply has been made.

Premier Clemenceau also conferred with the President during the even-ing, being at the Murat residence from 9 to 9:30 o'clock. The Sorbonne will confer an honor-ary degree on the President late this

President's Itinerary in England. The outlines of President Wilson's itinerary during his visit to England

were announced today. On the day of his arrival in England, Thursday, December 26, the President will dine with King George, For Friday, the 27th, a dinner at the Guildhall is on the program. On Saturday the President will go to Manchester. Sunday he will attend church and on Sunday he will attend church at Carlisle, his mother's birthplace. Returning thence to London he will leave for France at noon Monday, De-

The President's immediate party will include Admiral and Mrs. Grayson, Miss Edith Benham, secretary to Mrs. Wilson, and a military aid, whose name has not been announced.

President Accepts King's Invitation to Be Guest

By the Associated Press. LONDON, December 21.—King George has received from President and Mrs. Wilson an acceptance of his invitation to be his guests at Buckingham Palace during their stay in London. They will be quartered in the the royal suite customarily used by visiting monarchs, and will be entertained after a manner similar to that usual in the case of royal visitors.

A meeting of the war cabinet was held today, attended by representatives of all government departments,

to arrange the details of the presi-dential visit, which will last from Thursday next until Monday night or

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FORMER KAISER RECOVERS PRESIDENT TOOK

Walks About Castle Grounds, Though Ear Affection Still Troubles Him.

mber 20 (by the Associated Press) .-Former Emperor William, who had been ill during all the present week, Limitation of Navies to Light was able to walk about the castle grounds this morning, taking advantage of a few hours of fine weather. He had been confined to his bed since last Sunday.

The ex-emperor appeared to have recovered from his chill and, while his ear affection still troubled him, it was understood to have been greatly

CLASH AT HEARING

Angers A. L. Becker, Witness Before Committee.

MAJ. HUMES TAKES PART

Cross-questioning by Senator Reed ing freedom of the seas. Probably the of Missouri, who is not a member of American delegation has not agreed the committee, led to a sharp clash upon any one of the many suggested at today's session of the Senate committee investigating German propabut there is reason to believe that the ganda, between the Missouri senator proposed limitation of construction of laval craft to lightly armored vessels, like revenue cutters, whose sole E. Lowry Humes, in charge of the in-

> Mr. Becker refused to answer questions propounded by Senator Reed as to the identity of persons employed by the attorney general of New York to get information concerning the German propaganda system. Sena-tor Reed demanded that the commit-

Senator Alleges Insolence.

Mr. Becker asked the senator if he desired to have information on "matports.

This, however, is only one of the plans advanced to open the discussion and develop the views of other powmittee that Mr. Becker's reply had

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Preliminary Conference Postponed.

The preliminary peace conference at Versailles has been postponed until the beginning of February, at the earliest, says Marcel Hutin, editor of the Echo de Paris. This postponement

the Echo de Paris. This postponement answer the question on the ground

Senator Reed asked him who he represented. Maj. Humes replied that he represented the committee and had been detailed by the War Department to conduct the investigation, and was under orders from the committee "If you do represent the committee," said Senator Reed, "I want to know what kind of representation it is that you give when you refuse to give up the names of people who got this tes-

timony." "I will not dignify that question with an answer," replied Maj. Humes. Another Flare-Up Occurs.

Another flare-up occurred when Senator Reed asked Mr. Becker if it were not true that he, acting under a special New York state war statute granting authority to make investigations relating to the public peace and safety, did not obtain information which he used for validated nurneess. for political purposes.

Mr. Becker interrupted the senator in his long question with the comment:

"I hope the Hearst reporter is getting this."

A moment later he apologized to the A moment later he apologized to the committee for the remark.

Senator Reed tried to make Mr. Becker state the expense incurred in obtaining the affidavits and depositions. Mr. Becker said he could not remember the aggregate, but explained that nothing was paid the witnesses or deponents except to cover their loss of time taken in making the

Hearst which I have not made public."

The committee reserved its ruling on whether Mr. Becker should be compelled to make public names of the pelled to make public names of the communication to every participatstate investigators. at Buckingham Palace

Later when Mr. Becker spoke of Senator Reed "holding a brief" from Mr. Hearst the senator, addressing the mmittee, asked that such references

Becker Again Apologizes.

Chairman Overman said he believed the reply to be improper, and Mr. Becker again apologized.

Senator Reed asked Mr. Becker further about a statement given out jointly by Attorney General Lewis and Mr. Becker dealing with a dinner common in honor of William Randolph A meeting of the war cabinet was held today, attended by representatives of all government departments, to arrange the details of the presidential visit, which will last from Thursday next until Monday night or Tuesday morning.

Imposing Military Display.

Arrangements are being made for a imposing military reception of imposing military reception of resident Wilson, according to some

king will then drive to Buckingham l'alace through streets lined with troops. They will ride in the royal carriage. Premier Lloyd George will be among the prominent persons taking part in the welcome of Mr. true.

Hearst lied about the Bolo incident. Mr. Becker replied that he would change the reference to a statement that Mr. Hearst told something that was untrue, because, he said, a lie implies an intent to tell what was not will wison.

Becker Cross-Examined.

t is said the route of the proceson will be as extended as possible as to permit of a great popular eleome. It is unknown whether esident Wilson has as yet replied the lord mayor's invitation to a vic luncheon in Guild Hall, where it understood the city corporation shes to present a welcoming address of the processing the continued on Second Page.)

Yesterday afternoon Senator Reed cross-examined Alfred L. Becker, assistant attorney general of New York, and Becker and during the cross-examination charged that the admiralty views favorably the suggestion that a large part of the British fleet commanded by Admiral Sir David Beatty should visit the United States. It is asserted, however, that no date for the visit has been fixed, but it is understood that it will be made immediately after ported that the admiralty views favorably the suggestion that a large part of the British fleet commanded by Admiral Sir David Beatty should visit the United States. It is asserted, however, that no date for the visit has been fixed, but it is understood that it will be made immediately after ported that the admiralty views favorably the suggestion that a large part of the British fleet commanded by Admiral Sir David Beatty should visit the United States. It is asserted, however, that no date for the visit has been fixed, but it is understood that it will be made immediately after ported that the admiralty views favorably the understood that

OPEN MIND ABROAD

Makes Position Clear as to AMERONGEN, Holland, Friday, De-Application of His Fourteen Points.

PEACE TABLE GOSSIP RIFE

BY DAVID LAWRENCE.

(Copyright by New York Evening Post.) PARIS, December 20 .- In his negotiations with the principal statesmen of Europe President Wilson has adopted the policy of making it clear that ON PROPAGANDA he has an open mind on the practical application of each of his fourteen principles as a basis of peace. He has he has an open mind on the practical purposely denied the newspaper statement that he was definitely committed Senator Reed's Questioning to the plan of the American branch of the League to Enforce Peace in order to emphasize that he did not come to Europe with a mind closed to discus-

As a matter of fact, al of the allies have something more than a simple statement of the fourteen points to guide them, because prior to sending the final notes, accepting Mr. Wilson's proposal in regard to an armistice with Germany, the official heads of Great Britain, France and Italy were given an opportunity to ask the meaning of each article.

Memorandum Transmitted.

A lengthy memorandum interpreting the fourteen principles was transmitted to them by Col. House with the approval of the President. All were agreed to with the exception of two points, so that it may be said that if the allies had intended to deviate from the fourteen principles every opportunity was given to them before they sent the final notes to Mr. Wilson which led to the armistice

One can hear many interesting bits of gossip here and read many expressions of opinion by influential individuals which indicate a desire to make peace along lines differing radically from the fourteen points, but no official of any belligerent government has so expressed himself. Indeed the attitude of President Wilson and the American delegation seems to be to assume that the acceptance on the part of the belligerents of the prinpart of the belligerents of the prin-ciples laid down in the correspond-ence was literal, and to view sug-gestions that our allies digress funda-mentally therefrom as merely the work of trouble makers and propagandists who are trying to give the impression that the great free governments associated with America would go back on their pledged

There is nevertheless much room for discussion in regard to the exact the President has revealed in inthe Echo de Paris. This postponement is due, he says, to changes in plans because of President Wilson's visit to England and the reconstruction of the Eritsh cabinet, which will occupy Premier Lloyd George as soon as the Heart forces" had been trying for six months to find out the names of the result of the elections is announced December 28.

Preliminary exchanges, which were to begin in Paris today, according to original plans, have also been deferred.

Plans have been perfected for the American correspondents to make a trip through the battle zone during the Christmas holidays. Chaumont and Tours will be among the points formal conference thus far his sincere desire to compare his mind with that of the Europeans and to determine by common council the best formulas for peace. This is especially true with respect to the league of \$2,624.66. In order to close up

questions which as a league of nations and their attitude toward future wars, postponing until later the effort to arrange territorial questions and consideration of numerous claims.

at an American political convention.
There is none of the open booming
of individual claims, but much earnest argument is going on under-neath the surface in an effort to canvass and marshal strength ultimately at the peace table on individual propositions.

propositions.

The American delegation is just getting organized. Much confusion is natural in erecting a structure of such importance and housing the hundreds of officials, attaches and clerks. Mr. Wilson is taking a peraggregate, but explainnesses or deponents except to cover
their loss of time taken in making the
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"along with many others about Mr.
Hearst which I have not made
on whether Mr. Becker should be the make the m sonal interest in many details of the American organization, and is eager to see that the American correspond-ents have an uninterrupted channel

ing people. Official Interviews Given.

The committee on public information has nothing to do with making news public nor is anybody acting as an in-termediary, although members of the termediary, although members of the peace mission and occasionally the President himself, have given interviews to the correspondents enabling them to ask on behalf of the American people any questions which they may wish to put and giving them the same freedom as in the United States.

Owing to the fact that military censorship has been in effect on Europe for some time, it may be difficult at first to secure adherence all along the

freedom of expression for all currents of opinion, all shades of view and all kinds of criticism.

Wants British Fleet to Visit U. S.



WASHINGTON, D. C., SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1918-EIGHTEEN PAGES.

THE FINISHING TOUCH.

'OPPORTUNITIES' ARE NOW CLOSED

Two Thousand Dollars a Day Still Needed to Make Others Happy.

Three of Washington's annual "Four teen Opportunities," vouched for by the Associated Charities as among the most worthy family cases in the District, are now closed.

The two latest are numbers 3 and 5 number 10 having been the first to be taken care of in its entirety. One was eliminated yesterday by two of the working of our main principles and gifts to wipe out two of last year's

\$2,624.66. In order to close up all fourteen of the opportunities by Christmas day money must flow in at the rate of nearly \$2,000 each day. In fact the returns to date, with but three working days left before Working days left before Working days left before Working days fact the returns to date, with but three working days left before Wednesday, are running about \$1,000 behind the same time last year; moreover, this year's needs total some \$1,500 more. That supporters of these worthy "opportunities" have generally found their investment a satisfactory one is evidenced by the fact that the same names and initials appear on the contributors' lists year after year. In tributors' lists year after year. In fact some of them test the value of Territorial Questions Active.

Nevertheless, one incounters much discussion at the headquarters of every delegation of the mooted territorial questions. Admittedly, the claims heard nowadays are only the extreme ones, with a prospect of recession substantial contribution to one opportunity which has been cared for under this fund for several years past. Now two of the children are at work and the mother is looking forward to the importunity which has been cared for under this fund for several years past. Now two of the children are at work and the mother is looking forward to the importunity which has been cared for under this fund for several years past. Now two of the children are at work and the mother is looking forward to the importunity which has been cared for under this fund for several years past.

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In Ninth Season.

pendence to independence in this time.
For them weekly allowance, based on the family budgets have meant homes preserved, and the mother's love and training assured to the children. Some of the widows have married happily; in other instances the children have grown up and are now able to carry the mother's burdens or to leave the mother's burdens or to leave the mother's burdens or to the Associated Charities, John Joy Edson, treasurer, 923 H As an instance of the motors.

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FRIENDLY SPIRIT IS SHOWN IN PEACE DELIBERATIONS

President Wilson's Fourteen Principles Regarded Not Wholly Incompatible With Allied Interests-Penalty for Hun Crimes Demanded.

BY OLIVER OWEN KUHN.

pecial Cable Dispatch to The Even-ing Star from Its Str/ff Representa-tive in Paris.

Wilson have been informal. The de- punishment. liberations between members of the As the final reckoning nears France and England are determined that Germany shall pay in full, regardless of any influences brought to bear to the contrary. Not a man, woman or child

fourteen principles the aspirations of European nations might be objects European nations might be objects for pruning processes not wholly desirable to the interest concerned.

Penalty for Wrongdoing Demanded

tremendous burdens during the long, bitter years of strife and they face further bitter financial and economic burdens, and all through Germany's PARIS, December 21.—Such confer-ences as have been held by President Viscon have been informal. The de-

eliminated yesterday by two of the contributors who helped by generous gifts to wipe out two of last year's chances.

The total sum so far received through the Associated Charities and The Star, both of which are acting as depositories for contributions, is \$2,624.66. In order to close up all fourteen of the opportunities by Christmas day money must flow in at the rate of nearly \$2,000 each day. In fact the returns to date, with but three terms to date, with but three terms are not wholly incompatible of the policities of the respective European and fourteen of the opportunities by Christmas day money must flow in at the rate of nearly \$2,000 each day. In fact the returns to date, with but three terms of the contrary. Not a man, woman or child in Paris today believes that the German people are trusted or that France ever will be safe or England beyond menace tuntil the hands of German people a for a just peace.

There is a feeling among the European

conferees that he, too, realizes that toolly just peace must be a hard one. President to Await the End.

President Wilson will, under no cir-Penalty for Wrongdoing Demanded
Now, and during the sessions of the peace conference, one fact must be borne constantly in mind by Americans at home: England, France and Italy are desirous that the fullest meed of punishment be inflicted upon the peoples of Germany for the wrongdoings before and during the war.

President Wilson will, under no circumstances, leave Europe until the critical periods of the peace conference solutely certain today. In answer to statements that attacks upon him in the Senate might lead to his curtailling his stay in Europe it was intimated in high official circles that President Wilson will, under no circumstances, leave Europe until the critical periods of the peace conference solutely certain today. In answer to statements that attacks upon him in the Senate might lead to his curtailling his stay in Europe it was intimated in high official circles that President Wilson.

N. Y.-CHICAGO AIR MA!L HELD UP UNTIL JAN. 2

Operations Suspended on Account of Overheated Motors, Post Office Department Announces.

Owing to the condition of the motors in the mail planes for the New pitals have been placed on their honpelled to suspend the operation of the

As an instance of the haste with which these motors were assembled which these motors were assembled at the factories, the announcement said, foreign substances were found, one case being a large piece of card-board in the bowl of the carburetor.

A number of trial flights will be made next week for thorough test-out of the motors under service con-

RESOLUTIONS ON LEAGUE

The foreign relations committee of the Senate met this morning to consider the resolution of Senator Knox, sider the resolution of Schaller .00 of Pennsylvania, republican, proposing postponement of action on the league of nations and freedom of the 50 seas, and also the resolution of Senator Johnson of California, republican, requiring an official statement of America's policy in Russia. Action on both resolutions was post-poned, probably until after the holi-

AFTER AUTHORS OF WAR.

German Austrian Assembly Orders an Investigation.

The national assembly of German action of its executive committee at

PAY TO SICK SOLDIERS ON OWN STATEMENTS

War Department to Accept Sworn Accounts of the Enlisted Men in Hospitals.

Enlisted men who are sick in hos-

York-Chicago route, 90 per cent of or by the War Department and their which overheat, the Post Office De- own sworn statements, regarding the partment announced today it is com- status of their accounts will be arbitrarily accepted and pay awarded

that a certain amount is coming to him will be deemed sufficient.

TO HAVE FEWER CHANGES OF U. S. FLEET OFFICERS

Secretary Daniels is planning reorganization of naval practice to AND RUSSIA POSTPONED stop the frequent changes of officers aboard the ships of the fleet, which have been the rule during the war. Commanders of the big ships have objected to having their ships' companies constantly broken up. The after the naval review in New York harbor next week he expected to have conferences on the subject with Admiral Mayo, commanding the Atlantic fleet, and Rear Admiral Blue, the new chief of the bureau of navi-

CABLES PRESIDENT WILSON.

Council of Churches Sends Approval of League of Nations.

nounces that it has sent to President VIENNA, December 20 (Havas) .- Wilson a cable message conveying the Austria has adopted a bill ordering an investigation into the question of who was actually responsible for the war and prescribing the proceedings to be taken against its authors.

Atlantic City favoring the proposals for a league of nations, supplementing this message with a letter containing the declaration and the resolutions in full.

D. C. SERVICE MEN SAIL FROM FRANCE

About 30,000 Men in the Army Discharged Daily, Says Gen. March.

MENOHER SUCCEEDS RYAN

Gen. March today announced the departure of five transports from France, among which was the La France, which sailed December 17, and on which were troops from the District of Columbia, Arkansas, Mississippi, Alabama and Illinois. One of the District companies on board is Casual Company No. 314, made up of colored troops, and these men, it is believed, were trained at Camp Meade.

Appointment of Maj. Gen. Charles r. Menoher, who commanded the 42d (Rainbow) Division in France, as director of air service, succeeding John D. Ryan, also was announced by Gen.

Gen. Menoher is now on his way home to take up his new duties, Gen. March said. His old division is at-March said. His old division is ac-tached to the American Army of oc-cupation on the Rhine. Gen. Meno-her's record as division commander during the active fighting in which the veteran 42d participated, led to his assignment as commander of the 6th Army Corps, some time before the signing of the armistice.

Interpretation of Selection.

The interpretation placed upon assignment of these Regular Army officers to posts in the air service previously held by civilians of wide business experience is that in the forthcoming staff reorganization plans the air service will be treated as an integral part of the existing military establishment, and not as separate service in any sense. Gen. Menoher may be appointed as as-istant chief of the general staff in order complete this military co-ordination. 30,000 Discharges Daily.

With a total of 188,562 men dis-Penalty for Hun

charged from the Army during the week ending December 14, Gen. March announced, the War Department has about reached the average of thirty thousand discharges daily for which the demobilization plan calls. On a seven-day basis the average for that week was 27,000 men per day, but in many cases demobilization officers did many cases demobilization officers did

nat operate on Sunday.

Additional units in this country designated for early demobilization bring the total of men so selected to 900,000, Gen. March announced. Up to the date of the latest official reports 26,903 officers had been honorably discharged.

Gen. March stated that the War De-

partment was not considering taking over New York harbor traffic in connection with the threatened harbor

inflicted her Presides his desire back into the permanent ministery organization.

Every effort is being made to arrange for the delivery of mail consigned to units which have been designated for early return, the chief of staff said. In cases where a majority of the members of any unit have been ordered home the mail is held in the United States until the until the conference made abof a unit is homeward bound the mail for the entire unit is shipped to France

and that consigned to the men who have been returning home is sorted out in France and redirected. Russian Mail Facilities Bad.

Gen. March disclosed that the com-Gen. March disclosed that the com-munication facilities with the Amer-ican forces in Russia, particularly in the Archangel area, have been very unsatisfactory. The War Department itself has had difficulty in communicating important military instructions to the commander and only meager dispatches have come through to this

the authorities in England and France through whom these messages pass are doing everything possible to improve the situation.

In answer to a question, Gen. March said that coast artillery units which were being used for Army and corps artillery are all being returned to this country, but those which were serving as divisional artillery probably will stay abroad for some time.

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The La France sailed with 368 officers, 3,337 men, 21 nurses, 15 French mission officers and several civilians. On the 18th the Aeolula sailed with

Secretary said today that immediately of food and textiles there are reportafter the naval review in New York harbor next week he expected to have sion to prisoners of war in Austria,

NEW YORK, December 21. — The Federal Council of Churches an-

Tells Senate Settlement With Germany Is First Duty of Conference. FEARS OTHER QUESTIONS MIGHT DIVIDE NATIONS

TWO CENTS.

MR. LODGE URGES

POSTPONEMENT OF

FIVE OF 14 POINTS

League of Nations and Freedom of Seas Among Issues That Can

Wait, Senator Believes.

Five of President Wilson's fourteen principles of peace were held up in the Senate today by Senator Lodge, republican leader, as questions which might lead to division among the nations which have conquered Germany, and which certainly should be postponed until after the peace conference. They are the first four and the last of the points enunciated by the President in late to secret diplomacy, freedom of the seas, economic barriers, reduction of armaments and the league of na

No Need for Navy Big as English.

In his discussion of the freedom of the seas the senator called attention to the "strange development" in con-

to the "strange development" in connection with the pending naval appropriation bill, the advocacy by Rear Admiral Badger of a program calling for a Navy as large as that of England by 1925. He said he thought he had favored building more ships than anybody else, but that he never had contemplated such a program and did not think it necessary.

"The only naval danger that we were obliged to consider in the past on the Atlantic coast has ceased to be. We need a powerful fleet in the Pacific, and I feel sure we will have a Navy sufficient to furnish that fleet to the western coast. And yet at this moment we are suddenly called upon to build a fleet which shall be the equal of that of England."

Of suggestions that a great Navy is needed for police duty in connection with the league of nations, the senator said he would "not stop to ask who is to order that Navy about the world."

Senate Views Needed. Mr. Lodge said he would be glad if the Senate debates on peace were supplemented by some definite resolutions expressing views on important points.

New Head for Aircraft Production.

Gen. March also announced that Col.

James A. Mars has been appointed to succeed William C. Potter as acting director of aircraft production. The chief of staff explained that these two

considered. Personally I do not share

Mistake to Ignore Senate.

"While I think it a grave mistake." he said, "on the part of the President to ignore the Senate, because our ultimate responsibility in making the peace is quite equal to his own. I have

tion of the treaty should at least know the views of the Senate, so far Gen. March said he felt sure that the authorities in England and France through whom these messages pass are doing everything possible to improve the situation.

In answer to a question, Gen. March said that coast artillery units which were being used for Army and corps artillery are all being returned to this country, but those which were serving as divisional artillery probably will

Gen. Persning expressed the opinion that very few American prisoners remain in Germany, and believed these would be quickly evacuated. He said a continued search is being made for isolated prisoners, British and French officials in Switzerland, Holland and Sweden, and in Germany itself, aid
Sweden, and in Germany itself, aidworld with a war of conquest. This into its this earch world with a war of conquest. This cannot be done by treaty engagements and signatures of documents. At this juncture of affairs Germany would sign anything, and her pledge would be as worthless as the guaranties she 2,929 sick and wounded, including 105 gave to Belgium. It is well also to remember that Germany did not change its nature overnight when the

officers.

VIENNA SITUATION SERIOUS.

Conditions Due to Lack of Food and Textiles, Is Report.

LONDON, December 20.—Serious conditions in Vienna because of lack of food and textiles there are reported by the chief of the British mission to prisoners of war in Austrian capital, according to a Vienna dispatch.

Starving mothers in the Austrian capital are unable to obtain milk for their children and the babies are dying by hundreds, the message states. The mothers also are without swaddling clothes for their infants and are obliged to wrap them in rags, or even newspapers.

MEMORIAL DATE ANNOUNCED.

Tributes to Senator Gallinger and Mr. Sterling January 19.

Memorial services for the late Senator Gallinger of New Hampshire and tor Gallinger of

Speaker Clark.